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While the Brookhaven School District Board of Trustees recognizes that individual students have a right to free expression and that a student's style of dress and/or grooming may reflect individual preferences, these rights must be balanced with the Board's responsibility to provide a safe, secure, and orderly educational environment for all students. As such, the Brookhaven School District has implemented this Dress Code to maintain a safe, respectful and positive learning environment as well as to model good citizenship.

1. All students are expected to observe certain minimal standards of hygiene, sanitation and personal appearance. Cleanliness of both dress and body is mandatory.
2. Articles of clothing must not be a health or safety hazard.
3. Student's appearance must not be a distraction or interfere with the instructional program.
4. The following decorations, whether imprinted on the body or clothing are prohibited:
  - Symbols, mottos, words or acronyms that convey crude, vulgar, profane, violent, death-oriented, gang-related, sexually explicit or sexually suggestive messages.
  - Symbols, mottos, words or acronyms advertising tobacco, alcohol, or illegal drug use or drug paraphernalia.
  - Symbols, mottos, words or acronyms identifying a student as a member of a secret or overtly anti-social group or gang or that identifies a student as a member of an organization that professes violence or hatred toward ones fellow man.
5. Permitted clothing shall be worn as designed/manufactured to include the following:
  - a. Suspender straps must be attached as designed and worn on shoulders.
  - b. Shirt/Blouses must be buttoned. If assigned to the Alternative School, shirts must be tucked in.
  - c. Zippers must be zipped.
  - d. Belts must be worn and fastened at all times.
  - e. Shoes with laces must be tied.
6. Approved garments must be of a length and fit that are suitable to the build and stature of the student. Excessively large or baggy clothes are prohibited. Similarly, excessively tight clothes are prohibited.

**HAIR:**

1. Hair should be groomed so as not to extend to the eyebrows and cover or obscure the eyes or any part thereof.

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<p>2. Hair should be free from obnoxious odors, maintained clean in quality and neat in appearance.</p> <p>3. Hair should not be groomed in class.</p> <p><b>HEAD COVERING/SUNGLASSES</b></p> <p>1. Picks, curlers, rollers, bandanas, sweatbands or other similar head coverings or adornments shall not be worn to class or within school buildings.</p> <p>2. Caps, hats, doo-rags, skullcaps, toboggans, visors, hoods or other similar head coverings shall not be worn on campus unless prescribed by a physician, previously approved by the School's Administration for religious reasons, or approved by the School's Administration for a special school activity.</p> <p>3. Sunglasses (unless indoor use is prescribed by a physician) shall not be worn to class or within school buildings.</p> <p><b>TOPS:</b></p> <p>1. All tops must be size appropriate and should neither be overly baggy nor overly tight.</p> <p>2. All tops must completely cover the abdomen, back, mid-drift, chest and cleavage at all times. This means full coverage while sitting, standing, bending or raising arms.</p> <p>3. Undergarments must be covered at all times and shall not be seen through outer-garments.</p> <p>4. Tops may not have holes or rips.</p> <p>5. Tops shall not be longer than the fingertips of the wearer with the arm fully extended.</p> <p>6. Tank tops, tube tops, halter tops, cut-off tops, fish net, see-through tops, spaghetti straps, strapless tops, or backless tops are prohibited. The strap on sleeveless shirts must be at least 4 inches wide.</p> <p>7. Sports bras are an undergarment and are prohibited as an outer-garment.</p> <p>8. Male students: No muscle shirts or jerseys are allowed without a shirt underneath.</p> <p><b>BOTTOMS:</b></p> <p>1. All bottoms such as pants, jeans, shorts, skorts or skirts must be securely fastened around the waist.</p> <p>2. All shorts, skorts and skirts must be no shorter than 6 inches above the knee when sitting or the fingertips when the arm is fully extended while standing, whichever is longer.</p> <p>3. Undergarments shall not be visible.</p> <p>4. Outermost lower garment shall be worn at the waist and shall not extend below the heel of the shoe in length. Bottoms may not be so long as to drag the floor and must meet the requirements outlined in #2 above.</p> <p>5. Tights or leggings/jeggings worn as outer wear, spandex, bike shorts, bathing/swimming wear, sleep wear (including pajamas), are not permitted.</p> <p>6. Bottoms may not have holes or rips on or above the knee.</p>		

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**SHOES**

1. Shoes, boots or sandals should be worn at all times.
2. Neither house shoes nor shower shoes are permitted.

**UNACCEPTABLE DRESS**

1. Trench coats are prohibited.
2. Hanging wallet chains, banging belt ends, spiked/studded belts, bracelets, chain belts, handcuffs, sharp heavy rings, removable decorations that cover teeth (“Grills”), and gloves are prohibited.
3. Visible body piercing, with the exception of earrings, is prohibited. Visible body piercing includes, but is not limited to, tongue rings and tongue studs.
4. Oversized style pant that would give the appearance of being baggy or saggy.
5. Any item of clothing that a student must hold in place to be compliant.

**SCHOOL SANCTIONED ATHLETIC WEAR**

1. Students participating in school athletic events (including Cheerleaders and Band Members) are permitted to wear school team apparel on game day if permitted by their Coach or other Administrator responsible for that particular activity.

IN ALL INSTANCES, COMPLIANCE OR NON-COMPLIANCE WITH THIS DRESS CODE WILL BE DETERMINED BY THE SCHOOL ADMINISTRATORS. STUDENTS WHO DRESS IN A MANNER DETERMINED TO BE OUT OF COMPLIANCE WITH THE DRESS CODE WILL BE REQUIRED TO CALL A PARENT OR GUARDIAN TO BRING A CHANGE OF CLOTHES THAT CONFORMS WITH THE DRESS CODE. STUDENTS MAY NOT RETURN TO CLASS UNTIL THE PARENT OR GUIARDIAN ARRIVES.